

Application No. 09/784,499  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] ADM 90 receives the ~~path~~ path acknowledge message from DCS 50 and CC 91 completes the VT1.5 connection between interfaces 93 and 94. ADM 90 then forwards the path acknowledge message to ADM 70 via its interface 93.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] DCS 50 receives the path acknowledge message from ADM 110 and completes a new 3xVT1.5 connection between interfaces 55 and 56. DCS 50 then forwards the ~~patch~~ path acknowledge message to ADM 90 on interface 55.